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REMARKS

In the Final Action dated March 7, 2003, claims 21-24 are pending and are under consideration. The Examiner objects to the specification under 35 U.S.C. §132, allegedly because the previously submitted substitute Sequence Listing introduces new matter. In addition, the Examiner disapproves of the previously filed substitute drawing sheets, specifically, substitute Figures 9A and 9B, for allegedly introducing new matter. Moreover, the Examiner has rejected claims 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

By way of the instant response and in an effort to favorably advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicants respectfully withdraw the previously filed substitute drawing sheets of Figures 9A and 9B. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is obviated. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

As to the sequences, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing to replace the Sequence Listing of record. In the attached substitute Sequence Listing,, SEQ ID NOS: 1-6 and SEQ ID NO: 8 are identical to those as disclosed in the instant application when originally filed in the United States under 35 U.S.C. §371 on March 29, 1999. SEQ ID NOS: 10-15 in the attached Sequence Listing were presented in the Sequence Listing which was submitted in the Amendment dated December 27, 2002. SEQ ID NOS: 10-15 set forth the sequences which are disclosed in Figure-1, 8 and 9 as originally filed on March 29, 1999 in the present application.